

WATER WORKS!

Brightest Day in the History of Richmond.

THE COUNCIL CLOSING THE CONTRACT TO TAKE WATER FOR THE CITY.

The Contract Signed and Arrangements Being Perfected.

SOUTHERN AND EASTERN CAPITAL TO THE RESCUE.

The Gas Works Consolidated With the Water Works and will be Enlarged.

RICHMOND'S FUTURE FIXED UPON A FIRM FOUNDATION.

A broad foundation for Richmond's future growth and prosperity was laid on yesterday, when the City Council decided to accept the proposition of the Water Works Company to furnish the city with water. The decision of the Water Works Company to build or not to build depended upon the action of the Council. Our City Fathers recognized the fact that the welfare of their constituents was in their hands, and said, "Give us water."

The Council assembled Tuesday night to consider four propositions from as many different companies. Mayor Collins occupied the Chair, and Councilmen Brooks, Rice, Smith and Caperton were in their places. City Clerk Greenleaf read first the proposition of the Richmond Water Works Company, and then the others. At all present, the first proposition appeared the best. But all were of great length, and their numerous provisions were confusing. It was clear that the Council was in favor of water. But Councilman Smith suggested that, as he had been absent for several months, and in consequence not familiar with the situation, that the Council adjourn until next day to give him an opportunity to examine closely the several propositions. Councilman Caperton also said he would like to have further time. The Council then adjourned to 11 o'clock the following day.

At the appointed hour, the City Fathers met in their chamber at City Hall, and proceeded at once to business. Representatives of the several water works companies were present. The Council announced that the proposition of the Richmond Water Works Company had their preference, but they desired certain amendments, and specified them. The representative consented, and the amended proposition was thereupon accepted.

The water proposition was followed by a gas proposition, and they were accepted together.

The stock of the Richmond Water Works Co., that of the Richmond Gas-Light Co., and also that of the Richmond Electric-Light Co. had been purchased by a syndicate of Southern and Eastern capitalists, and the syndicate had agreed to build water-works and enlarge and improve the gas-works, provided the city would accept a proposition to use water and gas lights.

With the decision of the Council therefore, the three properties passed into the hands of the syndicate, and Richmond was launched on the high seas of prosperity. Hereunder we give the contracts in substance:

GAS PROPOSITION.
The Gas Company agrees to erect a gas works of sufficient size to manufacture and distribute 75,000 cubic feet of gas per day with a holder capacity of not less than 25,000 cubic feet to begin with. Gas to be made of coal, oil, or both, or of any material hereafter proved an improvement on existing methods.
To increase the size of its main pipes on

the principal streets, and extend present system not less than five miles of main.

To erect 125 lamp posts and lanterns, burning five feet of gas per hour, and to keep same in repair.
To furnish gas of not less than 16-candle power, during the dark hours—to be lighted by dark and extinguished at daylight.
To furnish photometer, &c., to enable the city to detect failure, to supply gas as per contract.

To deduct for failure to supply gas as per contract.
To extend mains as the growth of the city requires; the city to rent one post for each 150 feet of main at an annual rental of \$24 for all additions.
To supply gas for citizens at not exceeding \$2.50 per 1,000 feet; and city offices at 10 per cent less.

To allow the city to purchase the gas works at the end of ten years, or the end of any five years thereafter; the price to be fixed by arbitrators, if not otherwise agreed upon.
The city to pay the Company \$5,000 per annum in quarterly installments.
To revise the price for street lamps every five years so as to accord with prices paid in towns of similar size and service.
Contract for ten years only.

WATER CONTRACT.
The Water Company agrees:
To erect a system of water-works for the purpose of supplying the citizens of Richmond with water for fire, domestic, mechanical and other purposes.
To lay at least six miles of pipe in city limits, equal to a pressure of 100 pounds per square inch and to be 12 to 14 inch in diameter.

To establish not less than 60 fire hydrants, and to supply them constantly with water.
To furnish an adequate supply of as good wholesome, pure water as can be obtained from some desirable source.
To erect back or storage pumping station, pumping engines, machinery, &c., to pump not less than 2,500,000 gallons of water per day. Boilers of good horse power and all machinery of good make and standard pattern.

To erect stand pipe 30 feet in diameter and 70 feet high, to contain at least 100,000 gallons of water, and of sufficient altitude to throw water through 90 feet of hose 75 feet high on Main street in front of the Court House, without engine pressure, or 90 feet with engine pressure, and also to have capacity to throw 8 or 10 streams of water.

To furnish water to citizens for domestic and manufacturing, and other purposes, at reasonable rates, not to exceed the following schedule:
First spigot per annum..... \$12.00
Each additional spigot..... 3.00
Bath tubs (cold)..... 4.00
Bath tubs (hot & cold)..... 6.00
Water closets..... 6.00
Additional each..... 4.00
Urinal..... 4.00
Barber Shop..... 25.00
Soda Fountain..... 25.00
Restaurants or Saloons..... 25.00
Hotels, special rates, or by meter at 25 cents per 100 cubic feet.

Laundries, special rates, or by meter.
Public Bath houses, same as laundries.
Bakeries same as laundries.
Sprinkling hose 1/2 inch nozzle & 50 feet of hose \$12 per annum, or \$1 per month, to be used only two hours per day.
No sprinkling after dark or on other premises.
Fountains, 1/2 inch nozzle 4 hours per day, \$12 per annum.

Livery and Boarding stables, including privilege of washing carriages &c. \$30 to \$50 per annum.
Steam boilers per horse-power, 12 hours per day, \$5 per annum.
Brick, stone or plastering per barrel of lime or cement, to cents.
Wetting brick to cents per 1,000.
In no case where meters are used shall the charge be less than \$20.

For all other uses not herein specified, the price shall be within the discretion of the Water Co.
The city to be supplied with water for sprinkling streets at 15 cents per 1,000 gallons.
To extend water mains on a guarantee of \$30 revenue for every 500 feet and the city renting one hydrant at \$50, provided that when the number shall reach 100, each additional hydrant shall be \$50.

To furnish water without charge at all times for twenty-one years for one drinking fountain in front of court house, to the city offices, and engine house, and fire department; for four watering troughs—one in each ward; to flush the sewers once a week. In consideration of the above, the company shall be exempt from city taxes for five years.

To repair all damages to streets &c., to change grade of pipes &c.
To begin work within 90 days.
To furnish a satisfactory bond in the sum of \$10,000 as a guarantee of faithful execution of work.

The city, after ten years, to have privilege of buying water-works at a price to be agreed upon or fixed by arbitrators.
The city to pay \$5,000 per year, quarterly payments, for the 60 hydrants.

WHAT IT MEANS.
Water Works in Richmond mean more than anything she has ever had.

It means an abundant supply of water for residences, for grounds, for business houses, shops, mills, factories and all similar institutions.

It means protection against fire and reduction of insurance rates.

It means the destruction of dust and the quenching of the thirst of persons and animals.

It means a powerful inducement to capital to come and invest in our midst.

It means a pressing invitation to people to come and live among us.

It means the building up of our schools and colleges.

It means an increase in every kind of business.

It means the lifting of the old machine out of the ruts.

It means the ability to accom-

plish more in every direction than is possible without water-works.

It means vastly better sanitary arrangements, and consequently the destruction and removal of filth.

It means underground sewerage, instead of surface drainage.

It means cleanliness, which is next to godliness.

It means everything for better and nothing for worse.

Water is a venerable institution. It was created in the beginning, so say the scriptures, and when the Almighty uttered that first and august command, "Let there be light," and it was answered by the first ray that ever shone upon the world, there was water. Yet Richmond, after a century, has just now bestirred herself to secure that element which the Allwise deemed preeminently essential in the beginning.

There were three different bids before the Council, as to water-works, one by a New York City firm, one by a Boston firm, and one by Woodbury & Moulton, of Portland Maine, and A. E. Boardman, of Macon, Ga., through the Richmond Water Works Company. The Council carefully considered each of these bids, and the one adopted by the Council was for the best for the city and its citizens. The other two contracts run for twenty-five years, while the one adopted runs for only 21 years. The New York City contract did not agree to furnish water to the city or its citizens during a dry period or drouth, and would only have to build a cheap system, which would be of little benefit to Richmond as we can now do without water in very wet weather. There were several other material objections to this bid. The Boston Company did not agree to furnish water to the city or its citizens during a dry period or drouth, and would only have to build a cheap system, which would be of little benefit to Richmond as we can now do without water in very wet weather. There were several other material objections to this bid. The Boston Company did not agree to furnish water to the city or its citizens during a dry period or drouth, and would only have to build a cheap system, which would be of little benefit to Richmond as we can now do without water in very wet weather.

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the tax one cent, and save to the city in insurance about \$5,000 per year, which has heretofore been paid as a tribute to foreign corporations.

The greatest horror for many a day was the burning of a hundred human beings in the insane asylum, Quebec, Tuesday night.

Members of Madison Club have made up \$5 for their old janitor, Charley Blythe, to buy a swell breakfast before he is hung.

Congressman McCreary is on the list for U. S. Senator to succeed Mr. Beck, and his chances are bright.

Rev. O. D. Henderson, of Station Camp, was here on Wednesday. He looks well and continues to preach.

Water will be so common in Richmond before long that it won't be fashionable to drink it.

OSSIAN'S PET 'COON.
It Is Fond of Good Things to Eat and Drink—On a Spree.

OSSIAN LINDLEY owns a pet 'coon, and is constantly saying that nobody ever had so much fun as he has had since the day in June last when the 'coon was captured. The Lindleys live on what is known as the Green Clearing, a farm that was out of the woods on the Conkling brook many years ago, about a mile back in the big woods from the house clearing that runs up the banks of the West Canada. The house is one of the few good frame houses located off the West Canada, and it has double doors on the outside doors instead of iron latches, as most farm houses have up this way.

Ossian is a boy of fourteen. One day last June he was fishing down the Conkling brook and got so interested in it that he did not notice how late in the afternoon it was until the sun had gone down. Then he started home in a hurry and got so tired running in about ten minutes that he had to sit down on a log to rest.

While sitting there his eye fell on an unusually large elm standing on a low bit of ground on the further side of the brook. Following the trunk with his eye he noticed after a little that one of the largest branches was dead, and, moreover, had a big hole in it. He was just thinking that the hole would be a fine place for a squirrel's nest when something much larger than a squirrel appeared at the hole, crawled out and made its way down the trunk until it happened to see the boy. Then it scampered back.

Ossian went home, and the next afternoon set a big box trap at the foot of the tree and baited it with the remains of the trout the family had had for breakfast. That was very good bait for many sorts of animals, but the next morning, and when he awoke in the next woods, and it was effectual in this case. In the morning there were three very funny-looking, half-grown 'coons on the trap, and Ossian had a terrible trap of it, but no end of fun getting the trap home, for he had to drag it on an old handbarrow.

When his father came in to breakfast (for the trap was visited at daylight) he told Ossian that two of the 'coons would just serve to make a good pie for a dinner, while the third could be saved for Christmas or Thanksgiving. So two of them were killed, and Mrs. Lindley boiled them in a half day's work, graying with cream, and poured the gravy and the boiled 'coon into a big milkpan that had been lined with biscuit crust, and put a cover of crust over all and baked it in the oven until it was a delicate brown all over the top.

About the time the baking was done Ossian came from a half day's work repairing fences along the edge of the woods where the breeze blew the smells of balsam and spruce and hemlock around him, and took a big bite of the 'coon, and when he awoke in the next woods, and it was effectual in this case. In the morning there were three very funny-looking, half-grown 'coons on the trap, and Ossian had a terrible trap of it, but no end of fun getting the trap home, for he had to drag it on an old handbarrow.

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and grunted with delight. The 'coon had followed him to the house to get more molasses, and with success.

Having proved itself so tame and willing to follow its master, the 'coon was not fastened in the pen that day, but was simply carried out to the barn and left there. Thereupon Mrs. Lindley's trouble began.

The 'coon was carried to the barn at about ten o'clock. It was on a Saturday, and Mrs. Lindley was making doughnuts and pies for Sunday. That is the regular thing for Herkimer County wives to do, but Mrs. Lindley was making an unusual spread, because friends were expected next day. Mrs. Lindley, as fast as her doughnuts were fried, spread them on the dining-room table to cool, and after a little, when the pies were baked, placed them in the windows on the outside of the house. It was hot work frying doughnuts and baking pies in such weather, as every good housewife knows, and nobody could blame Mrs. Lindley for going into the parlor when it was so hot and stuffy over the Boonville Herald that had arrived the night before, and had in it all the news from the country side.

While she sat there at the big rocking chair fanning herself she heard through the open window the hollow thud of a pie that had been knocked out of the window and had landed bottom side up on the veranda floor. Very much astonished she ran out to see what had happened. There was the young progeny of her husband's pie with great satisfaction. She said "coat," and the 'coon fled. Only one pie had been destroyed, and after cleaning up "the mess" she went back to her paper.

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